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In re Application of:

Vermin et al.

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For: DAIRY PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the

following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, below the title, please insert the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application claims priority of Vermin et al., PCT

Application PCT/NL99/00569 filed on September 14, 1999, and Vermin et

al., Netherlands Application Serial No. 1010096 filed on September 15, 1998

entitled "Dairy Product and Method for Preparing Same."